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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF ANTIDUMPING DUTIES ON JAPANESE

COLOR TV SETS

REF: STATE 89063

- 1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF REITERATED DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON COLOR TV ANTIDUMPING ACTIONS BY TREASURY TO MITI. MITI, WHOSE PRIMARY CONCERN IS WITH FORMULA USED TO CALCULATE DUMPING DUTY ASSESSMENTS, WELCOMES CHANCE FOR HEARING IN WASHINGTON. IN EMBASSY VIEW, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT CLOSE CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE BETWEEN U.S. AND JAPANESE SIDES IN WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.
- 2. ON APRIL 7, EMBOFF REVIEWED POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL, PARAS 7-9 WITH MITI IN EFFORT TO ENSURE THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION IN TOKYO. MITI'S CONFIDENTIAL

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PRINCIPAL CONCERN APPEARS TO BE WITH FORMULA USED BY TREASURY TO CALCULATE ANTIDUMPING DUTIES, AND THEY APPRECIATE CHANCE TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO TREASURY. THEY ARE OF COURSE EAGER TO OBTAIN LOWEST COST TO JAPANESE INTERESTS.

3. MITI DOES EXPECT TO HOLD GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT

TALKS WITH U.S. SIDE, BUT THEY SAY DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL MIZUNOE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO LEAD JAPANESE DELEGATION.

- 4. CONCERNING THE OMA SIDE LETTER, MITI HAS DECIDED NOT TO PURUSE THIS MATTER AND WILL URGE INDUSTRY TO DESIST.
- 5. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASSURE THAT GOJ UNDERSTANDS OUR POSITION CLEARLY. GIVEN WIDE DIFFERENCES IN US AND JAPANESE LEGAL SYSTEMS AND JAPANESE PREFERENCE TO RESOLVE CONFLICT THROUGH DISCUSSION RATHER THAN FORMAL ADVERSARY PROCEDURES, THERE ARE MAJOR POSSIBILITIES FOR HONEST MISUNDERSTANDING. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TIMING MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHING FRAMEWORK FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OR PURSUIT OF JUDICIAL PROCEEDING. AS TIME FOR PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT NEARS WE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS THAT NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS ARISE. MANSFIELD

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